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Happiness is. . .

Noelle Stapinsky, 19, of Blenheim, Ont., a first-year Journalism-Print program student, is celebrating the completion of her assignments. See Pages 10 and 11 for more photographs on the moods and feelings of various people.

Photo by Jeff Schelhas

Student helps victims

By JONATHON NARVEY
Staff Writer

The ice storm has given Michael Misner, of St. Catharines, the chance to help bring some people in out of the cold.

Misner helped clear debris from around power lines and checked door to door on residents throughout devastated areas in southern Ontario.

The Niagara College student in the Broadcasting — Radio, Television and Film program went as a private in the 10th Battery of the 56th Field Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery.

'People were really glad to see us.'
— Michael Misner

The 20-year-old said he "couldn't even guess at the number of houses" his unit had checked to see if residents were alright.

"At one point, we covered 350 kilometres in three days," he said.

"People were really glad to see us," Misner said, of the response by victims they had visited. "We were bringing them supplies and generators that they needed.

"For me it was heartwarming," Misner added. "I remember this one time where we'd just dropped off some supplies. A little girl came out to our truck and gave a chocolate candy to the driver and me. It was just really nice."

Misner deployed with his team from St. Catharines' Lake Street Armory on the morning of Jan. 9 and returned on Jan. 17. The 10th Battery used Kemptville, south of Ottawa, as a base from which to conduct its operations.

The effort to clear up the area and keep checking on residents is ongoing.

"When I left the area there were still 200 troops in the area helping out. It's still going on," Misner said.

Wagamese envisions good future for natives

By BRADEN TANGUAY
Staff Writer

Students at Niagara College were treated to an inspiring lecture from a famous Canadian aboriginal journalist and novelist.

Richard Wagamese, 43, an Ojibwa from the Wabaseemoog First Nation, spoke with students from the Broadcasting — Radio, Television and Film program, the Journalism-Print program and the Social Service Worker program on Jan. 20.

Wagamese conveyed his feelings about the recent federal government apology to aboriginal peoples and spoke about his rise to success from difficult beginnings.

On Jan. 7, in Ottawa, Indian Affairs Minister Jane Stewart expressed the federal government's "profound regret" for more than a century of mistreatment of aboriginals. The government promised a healing fund of $350 million to help natives cope with the devastating effects residential schools have had on their lives.

During the last century, native children were pulled from their traditional tribal homes to be educated and disciplined by the state. Many of these children suffered physical, psychological and sexual abuse.

Wagamese says although he wasn't put in a residential school the effects of the schools have had a profound impact on his life.

"The condition and fabric of my life was stamped out by these residential schools. My parents were plucked out of a generational lifestyle . . . a system of spirituality for thousands of years. They were placed in a system that was foreign to them. When they had children of their own, they only knew the harshness they had endured. The traditional nurturing and caring that our people teach was no longer with them."

Wagamese says the apology was a nice gesture, but he says it only apologized for residential schools and not the attitudes towards aboriginal peoples.

"A real apology would have recognized the moral wrongness of their thinking that led to the residential schools. A real apology would have said, 'We are sorry for thinking our spirituality was more true than yours. We are sorry that we thought we were superior because of our technology. We are sorry we thought our political system was more true than yours.' That would have been a real apology."

Wagamese says the alcohol and drug abuse seen today in the aboriginal community is a direct result of residential schools.

"It has been a de-evolution on native society instead of an evolution. I see my uncle, who has half a brain because he drank and sniffed it away. He was just looking for that numbness because he couldn't deal with the world."

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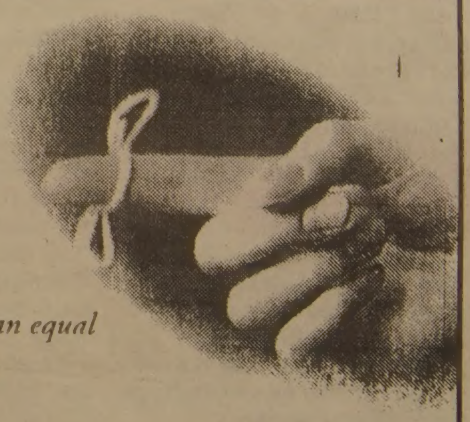

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NIAGARA NEWS

From struggle to triumph

By BRADEN TANGUAY
Staff Writer

It's a story of sadness, inspiration, struggle and triumph.

Like one of his novels, the life of Richard Wagamese has had good times and bad, but it has always showed the strength of the human spirit.

From an angry rebellious youth to a successful journalist and novelist, Wagamese has been at the lowest depths and risen to the highest peaks.

His first taste of a career in journalism came in 1975 when he enrolled in Niagara College, at 21.

"I only had a Grade 9 education, but I showed the co-ordinator of the Journalism-Print program some of my writing and I was accepted."

Outside the classroom, Wagamese was in trouble with the law, spending his free time in jail.

"Correctional officers would drop me off and pick me up. I was uncomfortable talking to people who would ask me 'What did you do last night?' What could I say? I stared at the walls in my cell?"

His rebellious nature continued and Wagamese was eventually thrown out of school. He ended up living in St. Catharines with no money and no job.

"I was such a little p.... and I didn't care. I used to hang out getting drunk and high. Nobody could reach me, I just didn't care. I lived as a cold unfeeling person for a long time."

Wagamese left St. Catharines with no idea where he was going.

"I left with $12 and a bag of oranges. I had some vague idea about going to British Columbia to plant trees or something, but I didn't know what I was going to do."

Wagamese landed in Saskatoon with no money, no place to go.

"I got a job washing dishes so I could buy some food. I applied for a job at a newspaper called *The New Breed*. The editor asked me for my (academic) transcript, but since I didn't have one I bullshitted him and managed to get the job. I went from there."

Wagamese certainly did go from there. He says his curiosity kept him from ending up on the streets.

"I think my curiosity actually saved my life. I read everything I could get my hands on. I was out there looking for input, but it wasn't until I began to interact with people from the aboriginal community that my healing really began."

Wagamese says the elders in his community helped him change from the angry person he was.

"What it took was for someone to look at me with brown skin and brown eyes and say 'I've been there, too.' I was fortunate that elders gave me a holistic understanding of my life. My thinking began to change."

Wagamese says the healing process was difficult, but it gave him an understanding of himself.

"Healing is about looking at yourself honestly and confronting all the fears and hurts .... express those feelings and letting them go. Confront the demons and tell them they are not welcome anymore. Fifteen years later and I've changed everything about myself."

Wagamese has become a successful journalist and novelist and is the first aboriginal Canadian to win a National Newspaper Award for his columns in *The Calgary Herald*. He has written two successful novels, *Keeper'n Me*, and *A Quality of Light*. He is working on a third novel, *Ragged Company*, which will be released this year.

Wagamese says his love is his writing.

"The bulk of my energy goes into my novels . . . It's what I love to do. There is nothing more special than a story being told."

His latest novel, *Ragged Company*, is a story about a group of aboriginal homeless people living in Toronto who go to a movie theatre seeking shelter from the cold. The movies they see captivate them and change their lives because they free their imaginations.

He says it was easy to write this kind of story.

"I know how it feels to be homeless, fruitless and afraid. That is why I could write this so well."

Wagamese continues his work as a columnist and is actively involved with community and volunteer projects. The majority of his time is spent alone, doing what he loves: telling a story.

Wagamese says there is a lot in his life he still wants to do.

"I have a lot I can still contribute. I would like to be 95 and look back at 30 published works. My love is my writing."

Healing themselves

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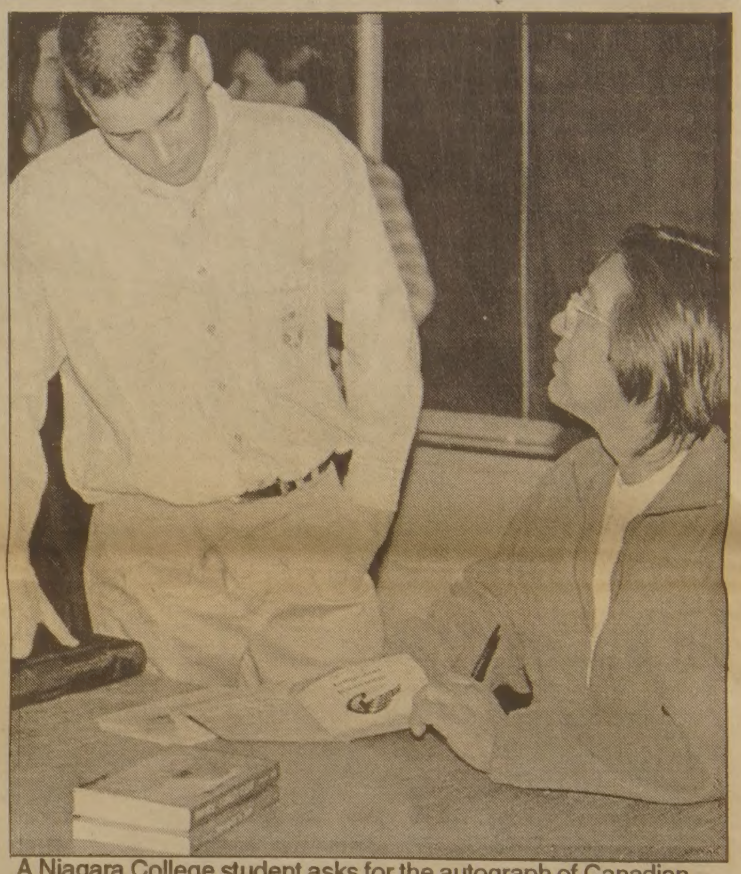
A healing fund of $350 million has been made by the federal government, but Wagamese says with about one million aboriginals in Canada, the money gives each native $350, which he says is a "nice gesture" but is "useless."

Wagamese says what the apology does do is allow natives to see how they can heal themselves.

"It isn't what the government is going to do. It is what we are going to do. We have to ask ourselves how we can heal. The reality is we are not people on little plots of land with weird-sounding last names. We are philosophers, teachers, doctors, journalists, lawyers, politicians and artists . . . we are too smart now. We have proved over the last 20 years that we can help ourselves."

Wagamese says he envisions a good future for natives in Canada.

"The racial gap in this country is getting a whole lot better. Eight-teen years as a journalist and I never thought they (the government) would apologize. It is a step in the right direction. I think we will eventually wind up with self-governing communities."



A Niagara College student asks for the autograph of Canadian journalist and novelist Richard Wagamese at last Tuesday's lecture in the Hamilton Room. **Photo by Braden Tanguay**

Inside track on *Inside Niagara*

By RACHEL LEECH
Staff Writer

If you're looking for the inside track on Niagara College, you may want to tune into *Inside Niagara*.

The Broadcasting — Radio, Television and Film (BRTF) program at Niagara is producing a live half-hour television show to air on Thursdays at noon.

The show will begin on Feb. 12 and go until April 24, said Megan Isbester, 20, of Port Colborne, a second-year BRTF student.

Isbester, the show's first producer, said the program will include features, news stories and sports.

"The features will highlight new businesses."

The television production is student-driven with a "14-student crew," Isbester said.

However, the production does not go without faculty guidance.

Tom Pagonis, a BRTF faculty member, sets it all out beforehand, she said.

Even with his help and support, Pagonis said, "the production is student-driven and student-produced."

Isbester said those who have ideas for the show can leave a message for her with Pagonis at ext. 7435.

Taking chances, making sacrifices

By RACHEL LEECH
Staff Writer

Sacrifice was the topic of the day.

Doug Firby, of St. Catharines, managing editor of *The St. Catharines Standard*, spoke to Niagara College's second-year Journalism-Print program students on Jan. 19 about being "prepared to make sacrifices."

Firby, a graduate of the Journalism program at the University of Western Ontario, "was prepared to take chances," when he entered the news industry more than "two decades ago."

Firby worked for a small weekly paper for four months and then toured across Canada.

During his trip he handed out resumes to numerous newspapers along the way. "That's how I got a job at at the *Winnipeg Tribune*."

Following a stint there he went on to work for *The Windsor Star* for 20 years.

His career path diverged when he began teaching journalism at Windsor's St. Clair College and at the University of Windsor.

His move to St. Catharines came "less than a year after the paper *(The Standard)* was sold. My job was to come in and get the house in order."

His advice to the students was that "experience is invaluable."

"If you want to get into the business you have to be prepared to take chances that might not pay off."

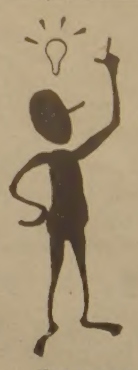
He said the only way to increase your chances is to "upgrade on education and make sacrifices."

'experience is invaluable.' —Doug Firby

Firby emphasized the news industry is "very competitive and there are no guarantees. You have to be prepared to accept that."

His final advice?

"If you set high standards for yourself, somewhere someone will give you a shot."



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Niagara to reduce garbage by half

By SARAH TAMMI
Staff Writer

What are white and hot and hang out in the college washrooms?

They're the new electric hand dryers!

About two months ago Niagara College replaced almost all paper towel dispensers with hand dryers at the Welland campus. Plans to do the same at the college's other campuses are in the works.

The main reason for the change stems from those three "green" words: reduce, reuse and recycle.

The provincial government's objective is for all government institutions to reduce their garbage by 50 per cent by the year 2000.

The college already recycles cans, plastic, paper, cardboard, newsprint and glass, but those measures weren't enough.

The college's current reduction rate is 37 per cent, explained Mal Woodhouse, director of plant and property.

"Our objective is to get rid of all the paper," said Woodhouse.

This change, he said, will allow the college to meet its target of 50 per cent.

"A large portion of our (college) waste is paper towels in bathrooms," said Woodhouse. "It's a non-renewable source.

"It (a paper towel) can't be recycled because of its hygienic aspect." He also considers the dryers to be more hygienic than paper towels.

"Paper is an organic material and as such is subject to bacteria," said Woodhouse.

Carolyn Hurst, college nurse, said on this point: "I have not seen any studies that confirm or deny that these dryers are more hygienic."

"It is my belief that single use paper towels do not harbor bacteria," said Hurst, "but they do provide a necessary barrier for door handles that may have been contaminated by previous persons who did not wash their hands."

Another reason for the change from paper towel dispensers was to "update and modernize the washrooms," said Woodhouse.

Twenty dryers were installed at $310 a piece.

Although the new system cost $6,200, Woodhouse explains the old process was "labor intensive." The new dryers will have "less maintenance costs" and are "very energy efficient."

However, not all at the college are happy with the change, and there have been some complaints.

"But people are always resistant to change," said Woodhouse.

Whether or not people like the new dryers isn't as important as whether or not they're using the dryers.

"I don't care what people use (paper towel or dryers), as long as they wash their hands before eating and after (using the toilet)," said Hurst.

Niagara student receives award

By DAVID CONROY
Staff Writer

The Welland Horticultural Society has given a Niagara College student an award for "the most improved person" from the first to second year.

John Douglas, a second-year Horticultural Technician Co-op program student, received the award on Jan. 19. He received a $100 bursary cheque.

The Alvinston resident accepted the award at the Horticultural Centre in St. Catharines from Sandra Burns, who represented the society.

Douglas said he was "very happy" to receive the award. This is the first year the award was offered to a Niagara College student.

Sandra Burns, a member of the society's board of directors, said she was happy to give the award.

"It's always great to see up-and-coming young blood interested in horticulture," she said.

Tom Ball, horticultural technician co-op co-ordinator, said he likes any recognition the horticulture program gets and "John is a steady worker."

"Whenever one of my students receives any award, whether it be plaque, money, or otherwise, I'm very happy.

"It's very important that friends with the department like the Horticultural Society stand behind us and give us a boost. We need that, especially in this day and age."

Second-year Horticultural Technician Co-op program student John Douglas receives a $100 bursary cheque from Sandra Burns, of the Welland Horticultural Centre Society. Douglas became the first Niagara College student to receive the award for his steady work in the program.

Photo by David Conroy

Film students go to Quebec

By CHER CIRILLO
Staff Writer

Eight film students from Niagara College's Broadcasting — Radio, Television and Film program are battling the cold in Quebec.

Karlo Locatelli, 22, Tyler Ward, 22, Andrew Coutts, 21, Dan Drovin-Charters, 21, Michelle Waechter, 22, all of Welland, Tyler Unrau, 21, John Tennant, 26, both from St. Catharines and Stacy Laliberte, 21, of Niagara Falls, left for Quebec on Jan. 28 and will be there for two weeks.

The students have been holding fund-raisers the last two weeks to help pay for their trip. Last week they were at the Temple Club in Welland, where they set and collected the cover charge.

On Thursday they were at Niagara College's After Hours where they sold candies. They also sell hotdogs every Thursday there. On Monday, the students sold hotdogs and pop outside the Simcoe building to help raise money.

The students are in Quebec documenting the Winter Carnival ice sculpture competition. The event is an international competition at which the students hope to get some interesting interviews for their project.

"It's going to be a good experience," said Tennant, "something we can use for our resumes."

Jeff Schelhas, 21, second-year Journalism-Print program student, buys a hotdog from Tyler Unrau and John Tennant, third-year film students. A fund-raiser was put on by film students to help finance a trip to Quebec for a class project.

Photo by Cher Cirillo

Volunteer groups now on Internet

By KEVIN MCKEE
Staff Writer

Ontario volunteer groups are getting wired.

The seeds of this plan came from an Internet/Intranet product for non-profit groups developed by Brenda Herchmer, a professor in Niagara College's Recreation and Leisure Services program, and Diane Renton, a part-time teacher in the program.

Herchmer and Renton created an electronic community bulletin board and supported it financially for the first two years. Their early work confirmed a community need.

"We couldn't keep it up because of the financial investment required, but we also just couldn't let it go," said Renton.

The Ministry of Culture and Citizenship has committed $7.5 million to help Ontario volunteer groups. Funding will be provided in the form of community linkage grants, starting with six pilot projects.

Niagara College, in partnership with Information Niagara, based out of St. Catharines, has been selected for one of the first pilot projects. A $50,000 grant will help the college and Information Niagara work with other community partners in the Centre for Community Leadership towards making relevant resources, including existing community information databases, available via the Internet.

Bell Canada has offered to be a major partner in the project by providing support in training and technology, including Sympatico Internet Access Service.

"This project is an exciting opportunity for Niagara College to work with its faculty, the community and Bell Canada to transform good ideas and individual initiatives into long-term partnerships that assist people throughout our region," said Dan Patterson, college president. "Volunteers are an important resource in our region and we are very pleased to be part of this partnership."

Niagara College offered a home for the Centre for Community Leadership and partnered with Information Niagara in this initial project.

"This is an exciting alliance that will help us to do what we do best . . . helping build a healthier, stronger and more vibrant community by providing information," said Rosanna Thoms, executive director of Information Niagara.

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INTERNATIONAL

International plans full speed ahead

By TINEKE BRUINSMA
Staff Writer

International projects at Niagara College are moving ahead because of the college's newly hired international projects co-ordinator.

Alison Ortwein has worked at Niagara for three months and is employed for a one-year contract.

She graduated from the University of Guelph with a double major in international development and geography. Following a year-long break, she enrolled in the college's Environmental Management post-diploma program in 1996.

During the program, Ortwein was hired part time to do environmental market research for the Centre for Environmental Training at the St. Catharines campus.

Ortwein said the job was a 10-hour-a-week job.

When the one-year contract position became available, Jon Ogryzlo, the college's director of environmental training, suggested her for the job to Jos Nolle, manager of the the college's International Education department.

"They found environmental projects were growing," said Ortwein. "There was so much work and no one to do it."

Her job of co-ordinator is funded partially by the International Environmental Youth Corps and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). Ortwein works at the Welland and St. Catharines campuses. She works closely with the International Department and is often at the Welland campus.

The co-ordinator's duties involve hours of planning. Ortwein must organize tours, book airline flights and hotel rooms and make restaurant reservations. She co-ordinates schedules for delegates to meet important people, such as the college president, while they are visiting the college.

"A typical day for me is planning," said Ortwein."I am always planning."

After a trip is completed, Ortwein said, she does the math to make sure the trips don't "go overboard" and they've managed to stick to the allowance budget.

"During my down times I look for new opportunities," said Ortwein. "Down times are a good opportunity to write articles (and) look for opportunities, and I make sure I am keeping in touch with what is going on."

She said there is a lot of opportunity in the environmental area as many countries are having problems in this realm.

"There is a lot involved but it has been great because I have had the opportunity to meet people from India, Jordan and Thailand," said Ortwein. "I mean, I have had a lot of access to different cultures."

Ortwein said she wanted to address a "misunderstanding" in the college community, that students' tuitions have been funding the international projects.

They are funded by agencies sponsoring international activities, she explained.

"These projects are funded by CIDA."

A holiday fast

By MINAKO YAMAGUCHI
Staff Writer

Muslims will be celebrating Eid-al-Fitr marking end of Ramadan on Jan. 29.

Muslims are required to fast during the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar. It is called the month of Ramadan.

Ramadan began Dec. 29. The discipline of fasting reminds individuals of those who are deprived of life's necessities and are less fortunate.

During this month, capable Muslims — except the elderly, pregnant women and children under five — are not allowed to eat while the sun is up. In addition, no one is allowed to drink, smoke or have sexual relations.

Fasting brings about the realization of the suffering of others and promotes a sense of sympathy and kindness towards them.

It's a common practice for Muslims to break their fast at sunset, following the custom of the prophet Mohammed.

Eid-al-Fitr is a national holiday in Islamic countries. The holiday usually lasts three days. Muslims around the world have different ways of celebrating.

First, they usually say a special prayer, and then all members of the family get together. All kinds of food are prepared early in the morning before relatives arrive. Children receive money or sweets as gifts from their parents or other relatives.

The second day is dedicated to family, and the third day is dedicated to friends, says Mohammed in the Muslim holy book.

An ocean apart

By MINAKO YAMAGUCHI
Staff Writer

The meaning of marrying is different for a Japanese student.

Miyoko Mitsudo, 26, of Japan, left her husband back home and came to Canada to learn English.

Mitsudo came to Niagara this month to attend the English as a Second Language program at Niagara College.

Mitsudo married Takashi Mitsudo 2 1/2 years ago, and then quit the job at a computer company she has worked for six years.

"It's not because I got married," says Mitsudo. "I didn't like my job and wanted to work for an international company,"

Mitsudo says she will spend eight months studying English in Canada.

"When I talked to my husband about my idea to study abroad, he never disagreed because he knows he also has something he wants to do," says Mitsudo.

Before getting married, Mitsudo says she had told her husband she would study abroad.

"My parents disagreed with my idea because I am married."

Mitsudo says she wouldn't want her life to change because of the marriage.

"My friends were very surprised and said, 'Why are you going by yourself?'" says Mitsudo, adding her married friends told her that they wouldn't let their wives go.

"So, I think I am very lucky to have married someone who understands, like my husband."

She says it is "nonsense" to think you have to do whatever you want before getting married.

"Marriage is not so important for me. I don't want to stereotype my future because of my married life."

Mitsudo says she met her husband about six years ago when she, as a vocalist, joined a music band in which he was playing.

"The members of my band told me to go back to Japan soon because they now have someone else to take my part and had to change the pattern we had. I want to sing and I miss them, too," she says, adding, "To sing my best makes me happy."

Mitsudo says she's heard there are more married women who want to study abroad, but they are not encouraged to do so because of the restrictions of Japanese society.

"Generation to generation, I believe it will be changing soon."

MIYOKO MITSUDO

Mitsudo says she enjoys playing volleyball with her "very nice" host family and friends every Wednesday. She likes her host mother's cooking, so "I don't miss Japanese food."

"I called my husband only once, but I write him many times because I want him to know my life here."

"If I have children, things will be different," says Mitsudo.

"Before having a baby, I want to do what I want, but after having a baby, I want to stay with my baby."

"When I was single, my life was only to support myself. I am very thankful to my husband because I am always supported by his understanding. That has made everything possible."

'Greening' India

By TINEKE BRUINSMA
Staff Writer

Three representatives from Niagara College are in India to organize a centre for environmental training.

The Association of Canadian Community Colleges and the Canadian International Development Agency have joined forces in an effort to fund a development project in India.

Niagara College's Bonnie Rose, vice-president of academics, Jon Ogryzlo, the college's director of environmental training, and George Repar, a former Niagara College employee, left for India on Jan. 23 to set up the training centre.

The group will be working in conjunction with a school in Bangalore, India.

"They recognize the need to work in this area because the environmental problems there are so severe," said Alison Ortwein, the college's international projects co-ordinator.

Ortwein organizes the behind-the-scenes portion of these types of international projects. She books hotels, schedules meetings and obtains rental cars for those travelling to foreign countries and any visitors Niagara College may have.

"The environmental area is a needed area in terms of development internationally," she said. "There is a lot of oppportunity in environmental work and projects in many countries throughout the world."

Ortwein said India is one of the countries needing assistance because of its environmental issues.

Sharing own culture over lunch . . .

Niagara College's English as a Second Language program students, from left, Tomas Peralta of Colombia, Maria Jose Parraga of Spain, and Michiyo Nakao of Japan, are getting to know each other by having a chat at lunch time.

Photo by Minako Yamaguchi

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

New SAC structure begins in September

By MARK RIEHL
Staff Writer

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) structure for 1998-99 has been set for all campuses including the new Glendale campus, following a SAC council vote on Jan. 27.

"Without structure you have chaos," said Anoop Chugh, SAC executive vice-president and chair of the meeting.

"It's going to be difficult to run the new structure through its first year without any problems and there may be some roadblocks on the way but we must stumble through them."

A unanimous vote from 13 SAC members — six from the Welland campus, five from the Maid of the Mist Centre in Niagara Falls and two from the Horticultural Centre in St. Catharines — decided on a new SAC structure to be implemented at the Welland campus, Glendale campus and the Maid of the Mist Centre beginning in September.

During a SAC meeting Dec. 9, a major debate occurred when the new structure was discussed for the first time.

One major item of concern during the meeting was the proposal to have one SAC chief executive officer (CEO) who would oversee all college campuses.

During the Dec. 9 meeting, there were concerns about the influence of the CEO at the time because some SAC members believed this person would have more power than other SAC members.

During the Jan. 27 meeting, the SAC structure had minor changes made to it involving changing the CEO to SAC ambassador.

The SAC ambassador would be responsible for keeping the lines of communication open and running fluently between all campuses. This person would also be responsible for passing on information gathered at subcommittee meetings to the other campuses and for serving as a public relations officer for SAC.

"We changed the name to SAC ambassador. The only power this person would have is if a decision came down to a tie. Then the ambassador would have the tie-breaking vote," said Chugh.

"This is a superman position because it's a hard position but a necessity because this way one person can't pass the buck without the other campuses knowing," said Sharon Vandersar, treasurer of the student council at the Maid of the Mist campus.

A motion was passed to allot equal honoraria to the SAC ambassador, three presidents, three vice-presidents of campus events, and the three vice-presidents of campus affairs.

Two members opposed the motion of having the ambassador being paid as much as the other paid council members. Welland campus president Don Woodruff and Chris Lewick, social convener from the Maid of the Mist Centre, opposed the motion.

"If you're president, would you want to make the same amount as a vice-president? Higher pay isn't an incentive, but it should differentiate the positions," said Woodruff. "I don't expect Bonnie Rose to get paid the same as Dan Patterson."

Eleven SAC members were in favor of the motion.

"I don't see the need for the ambassador to make more because we would have cut from five SAC positions down to three, meaning more of the duties are split up, giving everyone responsibilities that are equal for all paid positions," said Chugh.

The consensus during the meeting was to hire the 1998/99 SAC ambassador using a hiring committee consisting of all 1997/98 student council members from all campuses.

"If we hire for the ambassador position then someone can't get the position through a popularity contest," said Vandersar.

"By hiring the ambassador (we) would probably get the most competent person for the position, but at the same time we are saying that the Niagara College students are incompetent to elect the right person," said Woodruff.

Under the new structure, the SAC subcommittee would consist of one president, one vice-president of campus events, and one vice-president of campus affairs for each campus.

The SAC subcommittee is responsible for managing the affairs of student life at each campus.

The current structure involves one campus president, one executive vice-president, one vice-president of internal affairs, one vice-president of external affairs and one vice-president athletic affairs.

The vice-president of campus affairs is responsible for all community-related affairs.

The vice-president of campus events is responsible for operating and promoting all internal events (such as sporting trips and alcohol awareness week).

The president is to be the head person at each campus. The duties are to maintain up-to-date status on the constitution, to oversee clubs, and to attend board of director, student council and subcommittee meetings.

Another motion during the meeting was the structure for the 1998/99 student council elections. SAC agreed that the Maid of the Mist Centre students will vote for the Maid of the Mist Centre subcommittee. The Horticultural Centre students will vote for the Glendale campus subcommittee and the Welland and St. Catharines students will vote for the Welland and Glendale campus subcommittee. Students will vote depending on their program and which campus they will be attending.

The motion to accept this election process was unanimously passed.

The Welland campus currently uses a nomination kit for students interested in joining SAC. The kit has a nomination form that must have 25 signatures from students. Also a student who is elected into SAC must maintain a 65 per cent academic average throughout the year. The kit also includes a statement of responsibility and rules and regulations.

A motion was unanimously passed by all SAC members to accept the nomination kit for all campuses to use and follow.

"The election kit is great. I just don't understand why there wasn't one before or why we were never told about it," said Vandersar.

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Clinton not our issue

When does sexual activity determine if a job is well done?

The news media's exploitation of U.S. President Bill Clinton's sexual rendezvous has dominated our mainstream media.

On Jan. 26 *The Toronto Star* featured one front-page story with seven additional articles and four photographs of Clinton on inside news pages. One article went so far as to report that Bill and his wife Hillary had spent a "quiet day" at church. A religious adulterer. A report like that is bordering on tabloid journalism. This is something that is unexpected in our "respectable" newspapers.

There are more pressing issues in Canada than the president of the United States' alleged affair with a girl half his age. Clinton's sexual libido has nothing to do with our politics or our culture. One article per paper should be enough to inform Canadians.

The real issue here is that Americans are questioning their leader's morals and integrity. It is a case of whether or not Monica Lewinsky, the woman at the centre of the controversy, and Clinton lied under oath at the Paula Jones deposition. Jones had said Clinton improperly propositioned her for oral sex when he was governor of Arkansas.

We should not feel the need to question that because we are not American. Americans' interest in sexual politics has always surpassed Canadians'. So why have we been bombarded by these stories?

A national issue? Surely not.

Jennifer Walker

Mega-bank or mega-monster?

Bigger is not necessarily better.

Ever since the Royal Bank and the Bank of Montreal made their surprise announcement of a merger on Jan. 23, the country has been in constant debate about the pros and cons of a mega-bank.

Bank owners argue that this merger is critical as the need for competitive advantage depends on size. Consumers argue that the size of this new bank could limit the number of choices they are entitled to.

Could it be that these millionaire owners and shareholders want Canadians to lose sight of their finances?

According to an article in *The Toronto Star* this week, the chairman of the Royal Bank, John Cleghorn, said, "You have to be North American to survive in Canada."

Since when did Canadian businesses become dependent on American businesses to lead the way?

Canadians have argued for and against this merger. Why should we have the right to choose our financial institution taken away?

Maybe the idea of hiding money under the mattress or in socks will become the new choice of banking for some Canadians.

One thing is for sure: They may be creating a monster.

Carrie White

Celebrity chef

PORT COLBORNE

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

By BARB GREGOR
Staff Writer

Vance Badeway, Port Colborne's newest mayor, doesn't have to ask, "Where's the beef?" because it's probably on his plate.

"I am a beef fanatic," says Badeway, 33. He says he loves to cook. He doesn't get a lot of time in the kitchen because of his duties as mayor and controlling the family business. When he gets a chance he is at the barbecue.

Forget the oven, he says. The barbecue is the place to cook beef.

In his business as a marine food supplier, he is in the practice of giving people more value for their dollar. He says he included recipes for his customers and is passing on this beef marinade recipe to us.

"This recipe is my pride and joy. I usually charge for it," jokes Badeway. He has often prepared both beef and chicken this way for the Kinsmen Club events, with great success. He hopes you will enjoy this recipe.

BEEF/CHICKEN MARINADE

4 beef tenderloin pieces or 4 boneless chicken breasts
1 cup Frank's Red Hot Sauce
5-8 drops red wine vinegar
5-8 drops lemon juice
5-8 drops Worcester sauce
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1 dash garlic salt
1 clove chopped garlic
thicken with H.P. Sauce

Marinate meat or poultry for 4 to 6 hours (depending on size). When ready to barbecue, add melted butter to a separate container of marinade sauce. Baste meat or poultry frequently as it cooks.

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EMPLOYMENT

Employers surfing Internet for students

By CARRIE CHEHOWSKI
Staff Writer

Graduates can get an edge on the Internet.

The National Graduate Register (NGR) is an Internet employment service, based in Ottawa and funded mainly by the federal government.

Jocelyne Voisin, 26, of Ottawa, is a communication adviser for the NGR and one of six employees at the NGR's head office.

Voisin said the register is "geared towards" graduates of post-secondary institutions or students still in post-secondary institutions.

The register was activated on Jan. 15, 1997, and has had about "50,000 registered candidates" using the services available.

The network offers a database on the Internet, on-line resume submission and co-op and summer job placement listings. All of these are listed on the Campus Work-link, run by the Canadian Association of Career Educators and Employers.

Information on the register is listed on the Net so employers can go through the list to look for possible employees.

Voisin said "businesses all across Canada" receive the register and "all sorts of companies" look at the register for employees.

Among the larger companies which use the register to hire are IBM and, occasionally, the federal government. Many smaller companies also use the service.

With college and university graduations coming close, Voisin said the busiest time of the year for the register is "without a doubt, March, April and May."

He said the register has partnerships with many companies and the government, explaining there are relationships with "institutions

across the country" such as universities and colleges.

Janet Forfar, a Niagara College career employment officer, said "not a whole bunch" of students have talked to her about the network.

She said the network would be beneficial for graduating students to get recognition. "It's very difficult to put it (a resume) where employers are going to look at it."

Forfar praised the network, but cautioned students the majority of employers searching the network will be from larger companies.

She urges students to send resumes to smaller businesses as they will be looking for student employees.

Forfar said sending resumes to smaller businesses as well as large businesses is an "important part of job searching."

Returning to school

By CARRIE CHEHOWSKI
Staff Writer

"The best minds are still learning."

That's the motto of the Adult Learning and Continuing Education school.

Adults who haven't completed high school, or who want more education, have a place where they can get that education.

Adult and continuing education courses are offered at Bishop T.J. McCarthy Adult Secondary School in a variety of educational programs.

Geraldine Waud, of St. Catharines, has been the school's principal for almost four years. Waud said, "There is a full range of programs and services for adults." She described the school as "a secondary school for adults."

Although the school focuses on adult education, it "serves elementary students and up," offering programs to teens as well. Elementary-school-aged children can enrol in courses which teach languages such as Polish, Ukrainian, Italian, Arabic and Spanish. Teens can take driver's education and receive missed high school credit courses as well as summer school credits.

The adult courses include two federally funded programs for students receiving Employment Insurance. The programs are Vineyard and Winery Training and Sales and Marketing.

Waud describes them as "wonderful programs" and said "a large number of general interest programs" are available.

The school offers a language instruction program and a settlement service to assist English as a Second Language students with adjusting to Canadian living.

Waud said the school offers "programs outside of regular school circumstances" and added, "We (the school) really believe in adult and continuing education."

She said "motivation is more focused. They (adults) don't want to spend as much time in school." Currently 8,000 students are enrolled at 19 locations.

Taking care of business

By CARRIE CHEHOWSKI
Staff Writer

Niagara College is getting down to business.

Heather Carter, 43, of Fonthill, is a business development officer with the college's Innovation Centre, which has been operating since 1992.

Carter, who had taken the Women and Self-Employment 10-week course, said it was a "great stepping-stone."

Carter has been at the college for four years and was previously a business adviser. She returned to the college and began mentoring, advising and teaching through the Innovation Centre.

The Innovation Centre's purpose is "to assist individuals who are starting and operating a small business."

Carter said she became interested in the centre because she had previously run a few small businesses, adding she "knows the business."

There are two main programs operated by the centre, both of which are information sessions. The first is about self-employment and is held every Tuesday at 3 p.m. The session is called the Self-Employment Benefit program and is funded by the federal government. People collecting employment insurance can join for the duration of the program.

The second information session, which is scheduled to begin sometime in February, is held every Tuesday at 2 p.m. It is called the Ontario Works Self-Employment Program and is funded by the provincial government.

Both information sessions are held every week. There is no cost to attend. Clients who choose to enrol in the program and are receiving social assistance can still collect money, or the centre will pay a training expense.

The college's Innovation

HEATHER CARTER

Centre has partnerships with the Business Development Bank of Canada and the Royal Bank of Canada, both of which are "big advertisers for us," Carter says.

The centre is advertised in the Niagara News and other local newspapers on a regular basis and through "speaking engagements" made by one of the employees at the centre, said Carter.

The centre has five full-time employees and "at least 15 part-time employees."

Invading television airwaves

By CARRIE CHEHOWSKI
Staff Writer

Niagara College has hit the television air waves.

Niagara's Career Centre has an advertisement that shows on the TV Guide channel, and the centre also runs ads which are in local papers, including the Niagara News.

Cathy Upper, 36, of Niagara Falls, a consultant for the Career Employment Preparation Program (CEPP), has worked at the centre for 12 years.

Upper, who is a graduate of the college's Social Services program, said the Career Centre allows "our candidates to get the opportunity to receive the experience they need."

There are six employees at the centre. Three are consultants.

Operating since April, CEPP is a provincially funded program offering services such as free Internet access. CEPP also offers a resume program, computer software, and orientation sessions to let people know of the services offered by the centre.

Only a few requirements must be met before a person can be eligible for assistance. Possible clients must be between the ages of 16 and 24, unemployed and out of school.

Upper says there is a resource centre which is "open to the public . . . anyone can come in."

The resource centre includes a Job Bank funded by the federal government's Human Resources Development Centre.

Consultants at the college's centre will "determine job search needs" and "help them (clients) to develop more skills," as well as the information and education expected from a potential employee by an employer, says Upper.

She says CEPP reimburses an employer who hires a client from the centre "for a maximum of $4 an hour" and on-the-job training offers "weight subsidy for employers."

Orientation sessions at the college's Career Centre are held every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9 a.m. The centre is open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

. . . clients must be between the ages of 16 and 24 . . .

John Roy, of St. Catharines, has been an account executive with Rogers Broadcasting for 10 years.

Roy is listed as the contact for Rogers on the TV Guide channel and first talked to a representative from the college in May 1997.

Roy said "anybody in the Niagara Region can call me and I can give them information (about advertising on television)."

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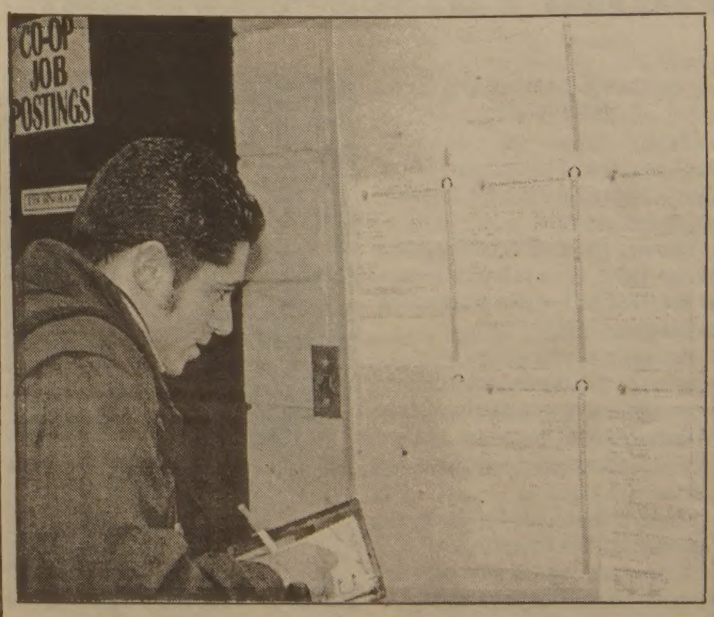


Dan Potyok, 21, a second-year Broadcasting — Radio, Television and Film program student, looks at the job listings located outside Simcoe 101.

Photo by Carrie Chehowski

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Campaign begins for board of governors

By DAVE BARNHARDT
Staff Writer

Let the campaigns begin!

The two students and two faculty members running in the 1998 election for student and faculty representatives on the Niagara College Board of Governors kicked off their campaigns Monday.

The list of student candidates was reduced to two names after Mika Sillanpaa, a General Arts and Sciences program student, withdrew from the race.

After some "soul searching" and coming to the realization that his "plate would be full" next year, Sillanpaa said he decided to pull his hat from the ring.

The students still in the running are Don Woodruff, Student Administrative Council president and a Business Administration — Operations Management (Co-op) program student and Thomas Dunn, a Business — Accounting (Co-op) program student.

Faculty candidates are Craig McKay, an English teacher, and Bill Munroe, a math teacher.

Students and faculty of Niagara College will be electing new representatives in elections from Feb. 9 to Feb. 11. Students serve a one-year term on the board, while faculty stick with the board for three years. Both elected representatives will begin their terms in September.

Board Secretary Helene Moscato held a meeting last week to lay out the ground rules for campaigning.

Candidates are permitted to campaign until midnight on Feb. 8 and must do so "at their own expense" according to the 1998 Internal Governor Election Process released by the board.

On the election days, public campaigning, aside from the urging of voters to vote, the provision of polling information and introductions by candidates, is prohibited.

All campaign materials must be removed on Feb. 12.

Election Procedures for Internal Members of the Board of Governors states "the successful candidate will be determined by a simple plurality of votes cast." In the event of a tie, a draw will be conducted by the Chief Returning Officer.

Voters can cast their ballots at locations at each campus, as long as their name is on the eligible voters' list. Lists will be available for checking until Feb. 2 at all ballot locations. Ballot locations are listed on signs posted around the college.

Woodruff wants awareness

By DAVE BARNHARDT
Staff Writer

Niagara College's Student Administrative Council (SAC) president is vying for the title of student representative on the college's board of governors.

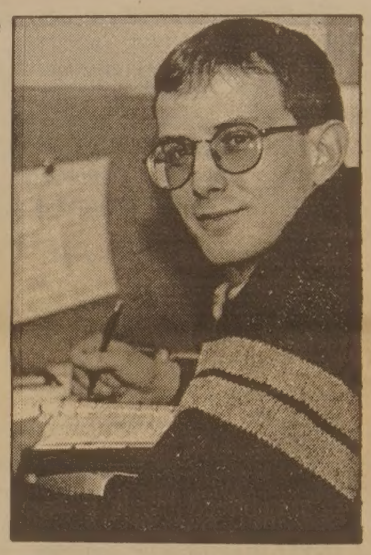
Don Woodruff, 22, of Niagara-on-the-Lake, says, "it's a natural that the next level up is student representative on the board of governors." He is one of two students running in the Feb. 9-11 election. A faculty member will also be elected as faculty representative for the board.

"I think it will be interesting. I want students to show they care about the direction Niagara College is taking because the decisions the board of governors make are going to affect them now, and down the road."

Woodruff is a fourth-year Business Administration Operations (Co-op) program student, and is serving as the college's SAC president until the end of April.

He says he waited to enter the running until the last day because he wanted to discuss it with his girlfriend and "weigh the issues" carefully.

In making his decision, Woodruff says he considered the importance



DON WOODRUFF

of his personal life along with his desire to help students get their fair share of attention from the board, if he is elected.

Woodruff has experience with two lobbying groups including the Canadian Federation of Students.

He says with the Ontario Community College Student Parliamentary Association he was vice-president for southwestern Ontario, covering Niagara, London's Fanshawe, Windsor's St. Clair and Sarnia's Lambton colleges.

"It opened my eyes to the issues."

Woodruff says his time with SAC has shown him "how people work together, how to present a topic and how to get others interested in your views."

Woodruff wouldn't release any details of his campaign plans. He says he will target students when they will be most likely to "take notice" and "take action."

Thomas Dunn, the other candidate in the running for student representative, has known Woodruff since elementary school.

"We've been good friends," says Woodruff. "We've been enemies. We've got a unique relationship."

He says he plans on "marketing" his campaign closer to election time.

Sillanpaa steps aside

By DAVE BARNHARDT
Staff Writer

And then there were two . . .

Mika Sillanpaa, a first-year General Arts and Sciences program student, has pulled his name from the running for the upcoming Feb. 9-11 board of governors election.

A student representative and a faculty representative will be elected to sit on the Niagara College Board of Governors.

Don Woodruff and Thomas Dunn are the two remaining candidates in the election for student representative.

"I wouldn't benefit the students because I wouldn't be able to give 100 per cent," says Sillanpaa.

"I may run next year for the board after getting to know things better and be able to give 100 per cent."

Sillanpaa says he plans to enter the Broadcasting — Radio, Televison and Film program next year and says "education is number one."

He was an adviser to the student union president at St. Catharines' Brock University where he studied business administration for three years.

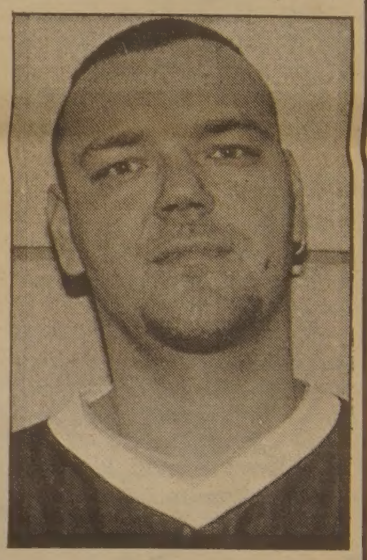
At Niagara College, Sillanpaa works at the After Hours pub where he handles security and stage setup for bands.

He says he wanted to take part in the election because he was interested in "the politics of the school, including tuition hikes."

He entered the race with some uncertainty that he would run, but knowing he would regret it if he let the opportunity pass him by.

Last weekend, Sillanpaa says he "took some time off to get away" before making his decision Monday.

He says he will now be "throwing his full support" behind Don Woodruff, adding Woodruff "represents the professionalism that the position needs to be handled with."



MIKA SILLANPAA

"If Don wants help, I'll be more than happy to help out," says Sillanpaa, adding he will help out either of the candidates if they need it.

He says he hopes the election won't be a popularity contest. He hopes students will look at the issues and show they care.

Dunn raises Glendale questions

By DAVE BARNHARDT
Staff Writer

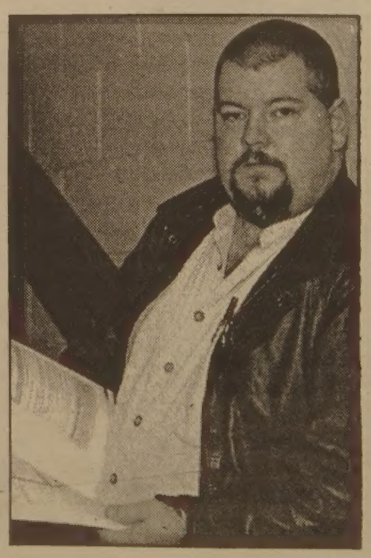
He'll take on Student Aministrative Council president Don Woodruff in the 1998 board of governors election.

Thomas Dunn, 24, of Niagara-on-the-Lake, says, "I haven't been as involved as I would want to be in Niagara College."

He hopes to change that by running in the election which will see a new student representative elected to the board of governors. A faculty representative will also be elected.

Dunn, a first-year Business — Accounting (Co-op) program student, says among his concerns he plans to raise if he is elected, he wants answers about the Glendale Campus.

"I would like to know why the decision was made to build the campus."



THOMAS DUNN

He says the rumor that business programs will move to the new site has raised questions about the availability of bussing and housing in the area.

"I want to make sure that there is a connection between campuses."

If he does begin taking classes at the Glendale Campus, he says he'll "try to get some representation on the board and see what we can get done."

Dunn says he attended Carleton University in Ottawa where he was involved in campus safety. In high school, he says he was a media liason and representative for student council.

He is pushing for more activism at Niagara College and for students to begin voicing their concerns.

"The student activism at Niagara College is pretty bad."

Dunn says he hopes the "joint release" of promotional posters by Woodruff and himself will encourage a higher voter turnout than last year's showing of about 30 students.

"We're hoping for about 500 voters. It's still not as high as it should be, but it's an improvement."

He says he wants to "get some steam going" heading into the Feb. 9-11 election.

Dunn says due to the usually poor voter interest in this election, holding a debate or speech would probably not be effective.

"I don't know what the usefulness would be."

His future "definitely" includes plans to run for a position on SAC next year.

"If not an elected position, then I'll probably volunteer."

Dunn says Woodruff, whom he has known "since he was about four years old," has done "a good job" as SAC president.

He plans to schedule radio interviews as part of his campaign which he hopes to kick off soon.

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE

Resources made for students

Small learning resource centre assists students in St. Catharines

Lidia Lozano, 29, of Niagara Falls, inspects tourism literature at the Maid of the Mist Centre LRC in Niagara Falls.
Photo by Karen Gellatly

By KAREN GELLATLY
Staff Writer

Size doesn't count.

The Learning Resource Centre (LRC) at the Maid of the Mist Centre in Niagara Falls may be the size of an average classroom, but its specialized selection is geared to what students need.

"We have a lot of community users coming in to use the resources," said Beth Dupuis, 47, of St. Catharines, library technician at the Niagara College centre.

"We're still in the fledgling stage.

"We're a smaller college . . . (the LRC) is geared to the courses . . . we have three focuses here," she said.

The LRC houses 620 videos related to hospitality.

Many new resources are available at the centre, including a CD-ROM program called *Niagara-Ontario's Tourism Gateway*, focused on inviting tourism to this area.

The centre acquired the CD in November. The program is used mainly by the Travel and Tourism program students, who "want to buy their own," said Dupuis.

'We're a smaller college' — Beth Dupuis

Cartopedia is another CD new this term, featuring a world atlas. It is available in the multimedia lab and is "more fun to use than an atlas," said Dupuis.

As is true on the other campuses, *Canadian Encyclopedia* is on the computers, though "the Internet is still on the iffy side," she said.

Trip Maker, on CD-ROM, is designed for travel students learning to plan trips, including routes, attractions and duration of trips. *Trip Maker* is similar to *Ebsco Host*, another new feature to the Maid of the Mist.

Ebsco Host is new this month and features more than 100 periodicals, specialized to a specific search. *Ebsco Host* is relatively new to the Welland campus.

"The English classes are liking it . . . it's really nice to have this," she said.

Two students study collectively in the carrels at the Maid of the Mist LRC.
Photo by Karen Gellatly

Students are first priority for Holden

JANET HOLDEN

By KAREN GELLATLY
Staff Writer

Students are her first priority.

Janet Holden, of Niagara Falls, is a part-time library technician at Niagara College's Maid of the Mist Centre's Learning Resource Centre (LRC). Holden is a divorced mother of two, and has worked at the LRC for nine years.

Holden is a 1989 graduate of the college's Library Technician program. She registered as a mature student, since, in the 1970s, she was a mother and homemaker.

Holden chose a library technician's career because "I found it very interesting. I like to work with students and people, and I enjoy books and information."

She said the most important aspect of her job is helping students and teachers.

"As support staff we are very important."

Advice for anyone contemplating the same career, Holden suggests "computer and technical skills are now very, very important, as well as the Internet." The program is offered as training for an information service technician.

Holden said she enjoys a "variety of authors, especially Canadian ones."

15-year veteran at LRC

BETH DUPUIS

By KAREN GELLATLY
Staff Writer

A wealth of knowledge is available at the Maid of the Mist Centre.

Beth Dupuis is the full-time library technician at Niagara College's Niagara Falls campus. She has been with the college for 15 years, 12 of them at the St. Catharines campus Learning Resource Centre (LRC).

Fifteen years ago, Dupuis was an education resource technician for the Lincoln County Board of Education. "Just by chance," she fell into employment with Niagara College.

While working on her bachelor of science in geography and environmental policies at Brock University, she began part-time work in St. Catharines. Thirteen years ago her job as a library technician, then known as an education resource technician, was enjoyable, she said. After she received her degree, she went on to work full-time at the LRC.

Dupuis, 47, of St. Catharines, is married with one son. She has spent the last two years at the Maid of the Mist Centre, with responsibilities ranging from maintenance of the LRC, ordering of materials, liaison work, and circulating the audio visual equipment. She is also required to fulfil the "day-to-day library functions," she said.

The LRC and the administration of the Maid of the Mist share the responsibility of the open access computer lab, located in the LRC. "We try to co-operate," Dupuis said. Any repairs have to wait until Ron Mottola, media technician, is available at the Welland campus.

In addition to her technician's job, Dupuis is studying for her honors degree at Brock University in St. Catharines. She said she uses the college's resources for her own needs, including Ebsco Host, and she is able to use Brock's, the University of Western Ontario's and University of Waterloo's libraries.

Although the centre's LRC information is specialized to the three main programs offered there — Tourism, Hotel and Restaurant Management, as well as a program focusing on Culinary Skills. Dupuis said, "People underestimate how much there is in a library. We don't even know what we can get our hands on."

Dupuis highly recommends her job and said it is "very satisfying."

"I like to make the library a warm, friendly place," she said.

"Hopefully I can get them (students) what they need."

Searching for answers

Jealousy

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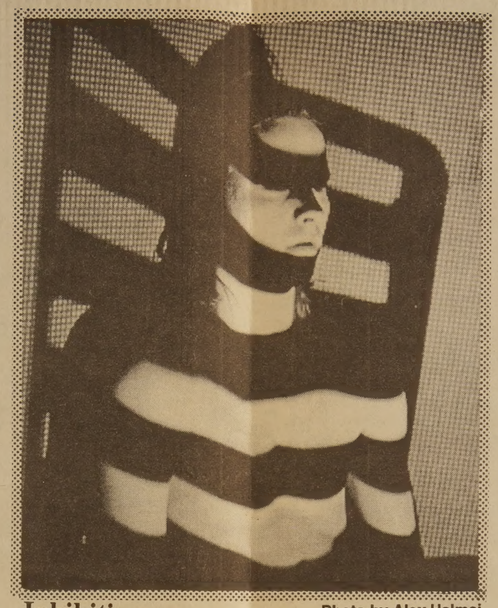

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By ALEX HALMAI and JEFF SCHELHAS
Staff Writers

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Original music big hit

Songwriter Rick Rose, from Sony Music, performed at After Hours on Jan. 22.

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By TRACY JAY
Staff Writer

Songwriter Rick Rose, from Sony Music, performed Jan. 22 at Niagara College's After Hours pub.

Rose, 38, was a member of a former local band, Lennex, in the mid-1970s.

Lennex recorded one album before the five members split up. Rose formed a two-man band, The Rick Rose Band. Johnny D, another band member from Lennex, moved on to form the band Honeymoon Suite.

Rose, who was born in Niagara Falls, Ont., has been writing music for over two decades. He worked in New York City for 10 years. While there he co-wrote with Bill Medely the movie theme song for the soundtrack of *Rude Awakenings*, which starred Eric Roberts.

"That is the song I am most proud of," said Rose, who wants to do other soundtracks in the future. "I was working on one for *Dirty Dancing 2*, but Patrick Swayze couldn't get his schedule to work, so it never took off."

Rose has been married for 10 years and has two children. One week each month he commutes from his home in Niagara Falls, Ont., to Connecticut.

"The commute is hard because I drive the 12 hours myself. I don't get paid enough to do it any other way."

In Connecticut, Rose performs at the Fox Woods Casino. He has been doing this for the past six years.

"Finally I have moved up at the Fox Woods," said Rose. "Now I perform in the Fox Theatre, opening for people like Barbara Mandrell and Billy Ray Cyrus."

The Fox Theatre has seating for 5,000 people.

Rose says he meets everyone he opens for.

"It's so different, because when I open, everything I do is original, nobody has heard it before." He can't recall having a bad experience. Everyone has accepted him with open arms and with a positive attitude, he said.

The inspiration comes from everyday surroundings, said Rose. "I'm thinking all the time." A lot of it comes from his family, especially his parents.

Rose said the song that helped him sign with Sony Music was *The Great Train Ride*.

"It was about a train ride I took with my father to my cousin's funeral," said Rose. "We talked more in that one train ride than we did in our whole lives. The next day my father had a stroke, and he was never able to speak again."

Rose performs all types of music. He is working on a contemporary Christian set called **Happy Home Recipe**. He says he doesn't find it as difficult as he thought it would be.

Sony Music signed Rose a year ago after a six-song audition. He competed against 15 other people including Billy Joel.

"Billy Joel isn't hungry anymore," said Rose. "He's lost that feeling for the challenge."

The royalties Rose earns are set per radio air time performance, and mechanical royalties, which are units (CDs) sold.

While at Sony Music, Rose writes with David Letterman's drummer Anton Figg, Desmond Child, and Randy Bachman, to name a few.

At After Hours, Rose performed a variety of songs, which included *Like a Rolling Stone*, by Bob Dylan, a Pink Floyd song, and *Wild World*.

Rose enjoys his work, and is happy writing for Sony Music. He says it's a great business and he likes the challenge.

"This is a creative industry. The inspiration has to come directly from your soul — that's what you use."

'Moose & Carl best act yet'

By TRACY JAY
Staff Writer

"Moose and Carl were the best act at the pub so far," said a student of the Law and Security Administration program at Niagara College.

Moose and Carl performed a "sing-along" act at After Hours on Jan. 21.

The duet has performed in Niagara Falls and at the London Arms pub in the Pen Centre in St. Catharines.

They were the first band to perform on the new stage in the Hard Rock Cafe in Niagara Falls.

The two men, in their early 20s, met while at the student residence at Brock University in St. Catharines.

They just "picked up guitars and started jamming," said Moose, from Stouffville, Ont.

"The inspiration finally came when we were doing a charity show at the London Arms pub in St. Catharines and both our partners left. The manager set us up, and things just took off from there," said Carl, from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

Carl graduated from Brock at Christmas in biological sciences. Moose is finishing his honors in recreation and leisure studies at Brock.

Carl said their plans for the future are realistic. "Throughout the summer we want to stay in Ontario, the States and maybe parts of Quebec, and then in September start travelling across Canada.

"We want to go out east first because we heard their bar scene is really good, so it would be a great place to start off," said Carl.

Moose and Carl receive support from their families.

"My mom and dad are 100 per cent supportive," said Carl. "They told me to follow my dreams, and that helps a lot."

Moose said his mother and his girlfriend are "very supportive."

For the duet, the singing at this time is a part-time pursuit, but once Moose graduates in April, they're going on the road and hope to make singing their profession.

On Jan. 18 here, their songs included a variety of recognizable tunes.

Moose and Carl started off their set with *Proud Mary*, and while performing one song with high notes, Moose added, "Good thing we wore our tight gitch today."

Carl & Moose, a duet from Brock University, performed a sing-a-long at After Hours on Jan. 21.

Photo by Tracy Jay

It's tough making people laugh

By CRYSTAL OLDER
Staff Writer

It's tough to make people laugh and After Hours' Comedy Night Jan. 21 elicited mixed feelings from the crowd.

For Kerry Unger, it wasn't hard, but for headliner, Chuck Byrn, you'd get more laughs out of a chicken crossing the road.

Unger, originally from Edmonton, got well-deserved laughs. He started his act making fun of his own name.

Unger cracked jokes about old people in cold weather: "When you drive past an old folks' home you hear the hips cracking."

He talked about the new law that women can bare their breasts in public: "The only women that do it are 'those' ones (older women). They're not the ones that you want to see, by a long stretch."

Bachelor parties are the best part of getting married. Unger's only wish for a party is to rent the Imax Theatre in the Toronto Science Centre, and play "educational" (pornographic) films throughout the night.

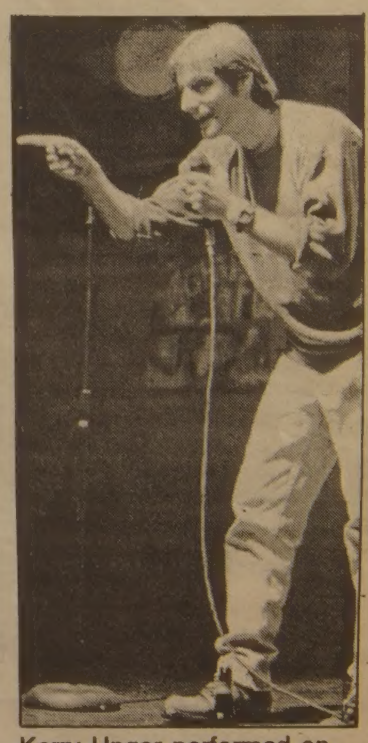
No comedian could get through the night without making fun of same-sex oriented people. "I have always wondered about Sesame Street's Bert and Ernie," he said.

Byrn, originally from Vancouver, started his act with a laugh but slowly worked down the ladder to a chuckle here and there.

Byrn found a member of the audience, Dave, and made fun of him through the act. Dave, of Florida, is a Business-Administration program student. Byrn wouldn't let it go that Dave left hot weather and girls in bikinis for snow.

Watching *Star Wars* while on magic mushrooms, Byrn warned, would totally mess you up and be scary.

Jobs and food were another of his topics: "Give a man a fish and he can eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and then he can collect welfare all winter," he said.



Kerry Unger performed on Jan. 21.

Photo by Crystal Older

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The Jim Rose Circus

By PAUL JACKSTIES
Staff Writer

"Simply the wildest show you will ever see!" read the poster for the New Jim Rose Circus.

There is an imposing bald man — The Enigma — who has surgically implanted horns and is tattooed from head to toe as if he were a puzzle with some of the pieces missing!

There are 300-pound topless women sumo wrestlers!

There is Mr. Lifto, who hoists a concrete block, irons and various other heavy items into the air by way of piercings in his ears and nipples.

These were just a few of the draws that spectators had paid $15 to see on Jan. 23 at Isaac's Pub, Brock University. Judging by the cheers and screams from the full house throughout the 90-minute performance, the crowd got their money's worth.

This was entertainment so far out in left field you needed a compass to find your way back to reality. This was like Barnum and Bailey meeting the Sex Pistols.

Jim Rose acted as the dubious and foul-mouthed master of ceremonies, introducing his cast of performers with sleazy panache.

With his hair greased back and his sleeves cut from his shirt, he was the consummate ringmaster for this highly amusing sideshow of freaks.

Not merely the leader of his motley crew, Rose proved himself an equal by having darts thrown into his back and having his face placed in broken glass as a member of the audience stood on his head.

"No jumpy, jumpy!" he warned her.

The Enigma demanded at least as much attention. Rose introduced him in fine carnival fashion saying, "He jumped into the gene pool when the lifeguard wasn't looking."

Other attributes Rose provided for this performer were too disgusting to be printed here.

As one of his bizarre demonstrations Enigma had a fibre optic light inserted up his nose to emerge out his mouth. With the house lights then turned low he projected an eerie ray of light from his mouth to scan the crowd.

As another feat of the bizarre he had a clear tube inserted, again up his nose, to go into his stomach. A pump was filled with a concoction including honey, ginseng and yogurt. With Rose operating the plunger of the pump the mixture was sent into Enigma's stomach, much to the disgust of the howling crowd.

The mixture was then removed by reversing the procedure and the oral enema was capped by Enigma drinking some of the fluid, in the normal fashion.

Sword swallowing, Mexican transvestite wrestlers and chainsaws helped round out the show.

This restricted performance was not for the faint of heart. Rose commented during the show that Brock was the only university in Canada to allow the circus to perform.

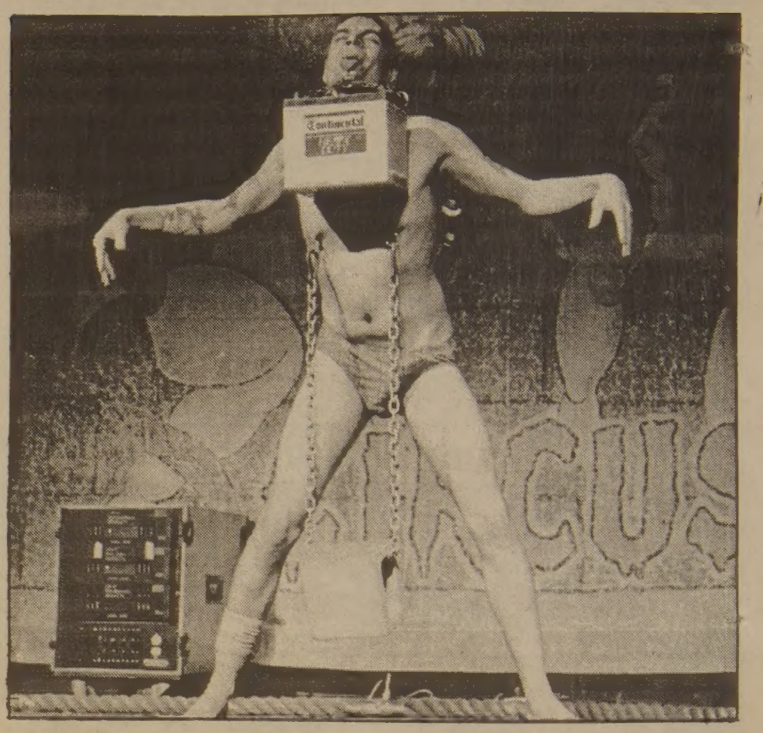
With other aspects of the show involving genitalia it was surprising the police weren't on hand to lay charges.

The show has previously toured with the Lollapalooza music festival and has appeared on an episode of the popular television show, The X-Files.

All photos by Paul Jacksties

Jim Rose and his lovely assistant provide the audience with shrink-wrapped women sumo wrestlers.

Everyone was pumped for The Enigma's stomach-turning performance.



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This game not a fun one

By CARLY ANDREWS
Staff Writer

Watching *The Game*, new on video, you'll think twice about the luxurious life you'd like to have if even for just one day.

Nicholas Van Orton (Michael Douglas) epitomizes the Ebenezer Scrooge of the 1990s. His miserable existence began the day of his father's suicidal plunge off a roof. Since that day, he alienated any person who came within 50 feet of him, including his younger brother Conrad.

Conrad (Sean Penn), a recovering drug addict, decides to cheer up his grumpy brother on his birthday with a gift certificate for "a game" at a virtual reality company that provides "a whole new life" to many satisfied customers. But each game is different.

The object of the game is to create believable environments for those so dissatisfied with the lives they lead, they decide to get new ones, even if the fantasies last only for a few days.

Reluctantly, Van Orton accepts the concept and proceeds to undergo a barrage of unusual tests at the new company, including unnecessary psychological and physical exams, which for a millionaire with "better things to do" would be aggravating as hell.

The company rejects his application — or so he thinks.

After a series of strange events — a wooden clown falling off his mansion roof, being rushed away in a fake ambulance with a strange woman, and the company mysteriously vanishing from its new San Francisco location — Van Orton finds himself trapped in a game of terror.

The Game's plot is farfetched, but believable as you watch a man go from having everything handed to him on a silver plate to having his Swiss bank accounts cleared out by this twisted company, leaving him broke and alone in Mexico.

The Game is designed to teach selfish and greedy people a lesson: if you don't take risks, have some fun or treat others with respect. Life as you know it will take a turn for the worse. All it took was a prank to make Van Orton face his fears and lighten up.

Blockbuster movie night

By PAUL JACKSTIES
Staff Writer

Face/off is the latest guns and action flick out on video from Hong Kong director John Woo.

John Travolta plays Sean Archer, an FBI agent with a personal vendetta for terrorist Castor Troy, played by Nicholas Cage, who accidentally killed his son years ago.

The explosive opening sequence shows Archer and his team of cops capture the bad guy, who ends up in a coma.

To find a lethal bomb, planted by Troy, Archer has his face surgically removed and borrows Troy's face (hence the title). Archer (now played by Cage) goes undercover in prison where the terrorist's brother is incarcerated.

Meanwhile the faceless Troy comes out of his coma, kills a bunch of people and steals Archer's face. As farfetched as all of this sounds, it's actually almost believable and the fun of this movie is in keeping track of the characters' switched identities.

When Archer (still played by Cage) escapes from prison, the two opponents hunt each other down in a deadly game that pits the good guys against the bad.

This is a fun action flick for those who like lots of gunfire and a high bodycount.

By PAUL JACKSTIES
Staff Writer

Men In Black is the movie of two secret agents (Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones) who do battle against aliens from space to save earth from the impending threat of destruction.

This fast-paced story is action-packed and loaded with wild state-of-the-art special effects. There's never a dull moment in this visual delight as the two heroes race against time to save us all.

Laced with a good dose of humor and with fine performances put in by Smith and Jones, it's no wonder this was the top-grossing box office release of 1997.

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The next Sonny and Cher?

Karaoke at After Hours pub on Jan. 19 was a big hit. Tanya Campbell, 20, a second-year Law and Security Administration program student from Long Beach, Ont., and Jeff Forrest, 25, a second-year Business Marketing program student from Welland, sang *I Got You Babe* by Sonny and Cher.

Photo by Tracy Jay

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Knights have heart

By KERRI WOOD
Staff Writer

"It was probably our best game that we've played as a team," said Laura Chatterton.

The Niagara Knights women's volleyball team defeated the St. Clair Saints when the teams met at Niagara on Jan. 23.

Niagara lost its first match to the St. Clair Saints 15-8.

"The first game we lost because they out-muscled us," said Kim Clifford, 21, of St. Catharines, an Interactive Multimedia post-graduate program student.

Niagara won the last three matches to defeat the St. Clair Saints.

"It was exciting," said Clifford. "We won because of finesse."

Niagara had five serve aces throughout the game, and three stuff blocks.

"I think we played really well together," said Liana Collins, 20, of Welland, a first-year Recreation and Leisure Services program student. "We have really good chemistry."

Carolyn Schatz, head coach of the Niagara Knights, said, "It was an important win. We are at 4-3 (wins to losses). We have to stay up to make it to the play-offs."

Schatz, who has been coaching the women's team for three years, said the game was "well played, although the team struggled."

She said the team played hard and with a lot of heart. "Laura Chatterton played the best she has so far. I'm proud of the whole team."

Chatterton, who was the alternate for the all-star games held at the college last weekend, had 16 of the 40 kills the team made during the game.

"We worked together," said Chatterton, 22, of St. Catharines, a Special Events Management post-graduate program student. "We pulled together."

"I thought that it was a good game," said Donna Rytek, head coach of the St. Clair Saints, "Niagara played strong with good serves."

Rytek said she was pleased with how St. Clair played because the team hasn't been playing well lately.

Katie Gilbert, team captain of the St. Clair Saints, said it was a really good game.

"Niagara played a really good game," said Gilbert. "Tonight they worked a lot harder than we did. The team that made fewer errors won."

Cindy Jarry, 19, of St. Catharines, a second-year Law and Security Administration program student, said, "It was a good game. We've finally come together and showed everybody what we're capable of."

Niagara Knight Rita Difreitas dives for the ball as teammates Kim Clifford and Liana Collins look on during the team's match Jan. 23, against Windsor's St. Clair College.

Photo by Kerri Wood

Men's strong effort not enough

By MARK RIEHL
Staff Writer

Strong efforts from Steve Dever and Steve Boyle late in the game weren't enough for Niagara College's men's basketball team to avoid its first loss in league play. The team went down 67-74 against Windsor's St. Clair College on Jan. 23.

The Knights are now 4-1 and stand third in the West Region after losing to the second-place (5-1) Saints.

Niagara started with a quick 6-2 lead but the St. Clair Saints jumped out in front taking a 17-12 advantage. The teams went into the half-time break tied at 30.

Niagara was unable to capitalize when four Saints players made four fouls each during the first half.

The second half started as a see-saw affair with Niagara never letting the Saints move too far ahead.

With 36.1 seconds left in the game, Dever drained the three-pointer to cut Niagara's deficit to three with a score of 65-68. Dever added another two points with 16.2 remaining, for a score of 67-71. That would be the closest Niagara would get as it lost the game 74-67.

Mike Harris led the Knights with 19 points; Boyle netted 15 points. Mike George and Dever each had 10.

"Niagara is a very good team and this was our biggest test of the year," said St. Clair head coach Rick Muldon.

"They (St. Clair) worked hard, played hard and played tough. They deserved to win," said Knights head coach Jeff MacDonald.

"There is an advantage to lose now because this will give us fuel to work harder for some big games ahead of us."

"They played a better game and we can only use this loss as a learning experience," said Marcus O'Conner.

Niagara will battle the first place (6-0) Mohawk Mountaineers of Hamilton in an important match-up on Jan. 31 here at 2 p.m.

Niagara Knights sweep Georgian

Niagara's No. 13 Paul Clark and No. 10 Corey McKeown go up for the block during the Knights' 3-0 victory over Barrie's Georgian College.

Photo by Mark Riehl

By MARK RIEHL
Staff Writer

Following a disappointing loss to Hamilton's Mohawk College, the Niagara College Knights men's volleyball team swept Barrie's Georgian College Grizzlies in a 3-0 victory (15-6, 15-4 and 15-10) on Jan. 24.

Niagara's 7-2 record clinches the West Region division's second place after the Knights picked up a win and loss in their past two matches.

Chris Vail, Chris Wiensma, setter Cuneyt Akgol and newcomer Ian MacDonald all played extremely well coming off the bench. They started the three games against the Grizzlies, replacing a few starters plagued with injuries and illness.

MacDonald, of Chatham, was added to the team because of the knee injury to Kerby Bentley and small injuries and illnesses to other players. MacDonald played his first game against Mohawk.

"We had the chance to beat Mohawk, but we broke down," said MacDonald. "I am happy to join the team and this was a good comeback win and good for our motivation towards our next games."

In the Georgian match, Corey McKeown led the Knights with 10 kills and five blocks. Vail also had a good performance pounding out 10 kills and one block.

"This was a confidence builder after coming off from a Mohawk loss," said Knights' setter Cameron Jacobs.

"We had something to prove after losing to Mohawk, which was a fluke, and will not happen again," said McKeown.

"This was a good game and they bounced back after the Mohawk loss, which was very heartbreaking news, and I feel responsible for that loss," said Bentley.

He will go for arthroscopic surgery on Feb. 3 to repair a torn midiscus in his knee. Bentley said some people walk out of surgery or it may take two weeks to recover and start playing again.

"They're still a strong team without Kerby (Bentley) but I hope he comes back for them and I think they can win the provincials," said Douglas Godin, Georgian head coach.

On Jan. 21 Niagara took its 6-1 record and travelled to Brantford to take on the fifth place (2-3) Mohawk Mountaineers. The Knights jumped out in front taking the first two sets against Mohawk 16-14 and 15-12. Niagara had its chance to take the match but lost the next three games 14-16, 12-15 and 14-16.

Niagara will take on the fourth placed North York Seneca College team at home tonight at 6:30.

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Starters George, Harris key to West's victory

13-point run leads to win

By MARK RIEHL
Staff Writer

Niagara College's Mike George and Mike Harris were key factors in the West Region's 94-85 defeat of the East during the men's basketball all-star game held at Durham College on Jan. 24.

George and Harris were named starters and played together for the most of the game.

With only 1:05 off the clock, George scored on his first drive to the net, adding to a quick 4-2 lead by the West.

With 8:37 remaining in the half, Christian Currie, of the East, drove the lane, going up for the game's first dunk. He electrified the crowd, giving momentum to the East, who were down 25-31.

With two seconds remaining in the half, the East added two points, notching the game at 49 all.

George came out on all cylinders in the second half, scoring on a lay-up with only 26 ticks off the clock.

At 12:48 remaining Niagara's Harris contributed his first two points, giving the West a 65-61 advantage.

That seemed to spark a 13-point run for the West Region and a 74-61 lead that would end in the 94-85 victory.

Enjoying the victory after the all-star game are Niagara's Mike George and Mike Harris.

Photo by Mark Riehl

West wins 94-85

"It's very exciting to play with this much talent and I really enjoyed the experience. I look forward to hopefully playing again next year," said George.

"It was a lot of fun compared to last year because this year I wasn't trying to fit in and I didn't have the nerves," said Harris.

George controlled the game at the guard position and had eight points in the first half, finishing the game with 12 points.

Harris got off to a very slow first-half start as he remained scoreless. In the second half he turned it on, scoring eight points for the game.

During last year's all-star game the East was victorious defeating the West 118-90. The East had won the last three all-star games before heading into this one.

Niagara's Mike George goes up for two points during the West Region's 94-85 victory.

Photo by Mark Riehl

Members from Niagara represent West

Niagara's fab 4 enjoy game

By MARK RIEHL
Staff Writer

Niagara College was well represented at the women's basketball all-star game but the East Region took the game 60-42 at Oshawa's Durham College on Jan 24.

Andrea Flindall, Kristin Flindall, Kristin Davies and head-coach Tara Petrachenko were sent to represent Niagara and the West Region.

Andrea started the game at guard position while Davies and Kristin played together on the second line.

"Andrea did a great job at bringing up the ball and controlling the game. Kristin Flindall and Davies played really well for being all-stars in their freshmen year," said Knights' head coach Tara Petrachenko.

"It was nice to be picked to coach the team and I was very honored. It was also nice to be on the other side," said Petrachenko, who played practicing for one hour before the game at 5:30 p.m.

"It wasn't as fast-paced as I thought it would have been because it's kind of hard to play with players after only one practice that was earlier in the day. It would be much better if we had more than one practice," said Niagara's rookie all-star Davies.

ANDREA FLINDALL

in the all-star game when she was on the Knights team in 1991-93.

"She is a great coach and she took a lot of pressure off me because I didn't have to impress the coach because she knows how I play," said Kristin.

"She took control of everyone," said Andrea. "She made us relaxed, encouraged us and did a great job."

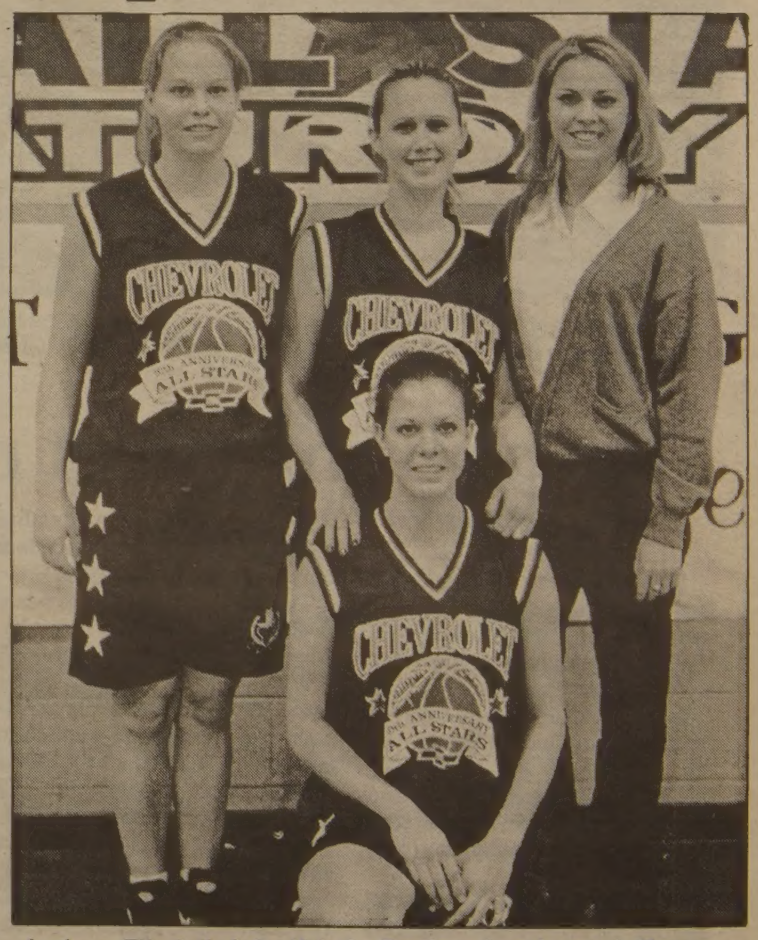
"It was a good experience and it was more of a fun game than anything," said Kristin. "I just enjoyed being a part of the West team."

The women met at 1:15 p.m.

"It was exciting to play with a whole bunch of different players." Kristin collected four points and Andrea notched two points during the game.

During half-time Davies participated in the three-point shootout competition but failed to make it past the first round.

With the 74-67 victory, the East Region has won the last three all-star games.



Andrea Flindall, left, Kristin Davies, head coach Tara Petrachenko and Kristin Flindall, front, of the represented Niagara in Durham.

Photo by Mark Riehl

SPORTS

Ontario College Athletics Association
West Region Standings

Men's Basketball

Team	GP	W	L	PTS
Mohawk	6	6	0	12
St. Clair	6	5	1	10
Niagara	5	4	1	8
Sault	10	4	6	8
Redeemer	7	2	5	4
Fanshawe	8	2	6	4
Lambton	6	1	5	2

Women's Basketball

Team	GP	W	L	PTS
Humber	9	9	0	18
Seneca	8	8	0	16
Fanshawe	9	6	3	12
George Brown	7	3	4	6
Mohawk	7	3	4	6
Durham	9	3	6	6
Niagara	8	2	6	4
Georgian	11	0	11	0

Men's Volleyball

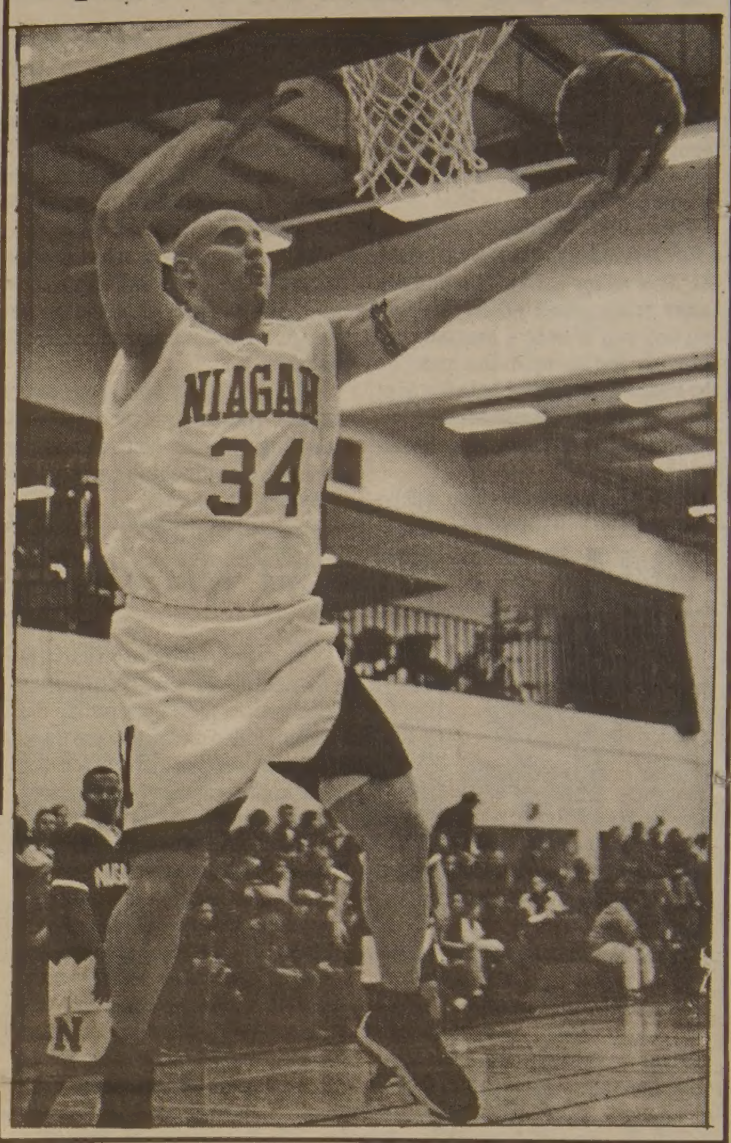
Team	MP	MW	ML	GW	GL	PTS
Humber	8	7	1	22	8	14
Niagara	9	7	2	24	11	14
Cambrian	10	6	4	22	16	12
Seneca	8	5	3	16	16	10
Mohawk	7	3	4	15	13	6
Georgian	9	1	8	6	25	2
Redeemer	9	1	8	9	25	2

Women's Volleyball

Team	MP	MW	ML	GW	GL	PTS
Sheridan	9	8	1	26	5	16
Redeemer	8	6	2	19	13	12
Niagara	7	4	3	14	10	8
St. Clair	7	3	4	13	15	6
Lambton	8	3	5	11	18	6
Sault	8	3	5	12	16	6
Mohawk	7	0	7	3	21	0

At the top

A practice score



At left are Erica Matyskiewicz, top, Tara-Lee Bissonnette, bottom left, Brooke-Lee Storm and Robin Olyschlager. At right Niagara's Mike Conradi warms up before the team's game against Windsor's St. Clair College Jan. 23.

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Telnet talkers turn the tables, now it's a game

By MARK HRADSKY
Staff Writer

What do you think of when you think of the Net? Chat lines? I thought so. This article will be about a few chat lines I have discovered to be excellent.

The first chat line is telnet://chardonnay.niagara.com:3000. This talker is more than just a talker. It is a game. When you first log on, you'll hear a message by someone higher up in the ranks of the talker to check the help for new users page. This explains how to make a description and a profile of yourself.

After this is complete, you will be upgraded. This is part of the game. The longer you have put in time on this talker, the higher you will be ranked. With higher rank comes more power.

At high levels, you have the power to kill characters that get annoying and even ban sites.

With this power also comes responsibility. If you kill for no reason or are reckless with your power, you will be demoted, or even banned.

This site is for hard-core talker people. These are people who, when they log onto the Net, also log on to a talker at the same time, even if they are not talking.

There is a time limit on this site though, and if you do not talk for 10 minutes, you will be disconnected from the talker. Your name and password are saved, however.

A lot of people who go here are from the Niagara Region and the site is on ICN, one of Niagara's web services.

Telnet://chat.passport.ca:3000 is a talker based out of Toronto. It is also linked on Passport's home page. Passport is an Internet service out of Toronto. 102.1 The Edge is also linked on this page.

To check out the site, go to www.passport.com. Dyslexicon, as the talker is called, is similar to Cyber Manhattan or to chardonnay. The only difference is there is no time limit to be upgraded on this talker.

If you liked the idea of chardonnay but are not a hard-core talker, check out Dyslexicon. You can get upgraded just by talking to people and their liking you. It is also a game with respect to power, but a lot of people have power on this talker, unlike on chardonnay.

Telnet://mud.phoenixmud.org:4000 is a real game. When you log on, you can choose your person — a fighter, mage, cleric or others. It is like an online Dungeons and Dragons game, but somewhat hard to start off with.

The commands on this talker are different from the commands on the other two talkers, so you must get used to them.

People don't just go to talk on this one. They go to play. I found that this talker is hard to play because other players are not very helpful. Once you get a lot of experience though, you get a lot of power and can be one of those people who just walk around killing other people.

The first two chat lines are mainly for talking. The last one is really just a game. If you want to play without paying, check these out.

MMX - Much more X-travagant

By MARK HRADSKY
Staff Writer

MMX seems to be the wave of the future, and the tide is in motion.

The Pentium MMX processor is the improved version of Intel's Pentium computer chip. The most notable improvements came in the MMX's ability to handle multimedia applications.

They are run more efficiently by adding 57 new instructions that process and manipulate the audio, video and graphical data. The instructions are made for the highly repetitive sequences found in mulitmedia operations.

The MMX also has a doubled cache size from 16KB to 32 (now using 16 KB on the instruction cache and 16 on data). The MMX has room for more instructions and data storage on the chip. The processor need not access the off-chip memory areas as often as before, speeding up the run time.

The execution time of multimedia applications has been sped up greatly by the new MMX chip set. The new Single Instruction Multiple Data (SIMD) has enhanced the chip, so one function can be performed on multiple pieces of data by one instruction. It reduces the number of times the chip reads the multimedia application to speed the execution time.

Next time you see the MMX and wonder why it is better, think wave. When its speed is greater, it has more power.

WAVE comes to Welland

COGECO to provide WAVE to Welland

By PAUL JACKSTIES
Staff Writer

COGECO Cable will be providing Internet service to Welland, Pelham and Port Colborne.

The service, called WAVE, was announced this week as part of a launch to inform the public.

WAVE will be available for $55 a month with an initial installation fee of $99. Users who have the installation done by Byte Bak Computer in Welland or Niagara Electronics in Niagara Falls will have the fee waived.

With 770,000 customers, COGECO Cable is the fourth largest cable provider in Canada.

For more information, call Lawson Hunter at (905) 332-7950.

Computer company caters to customers

By MARK HRADSKY
Staff Writer

The IIS is here, but this company won't audit you.

Integrated Information Solutions opened about a year ago in St. Catharines, and, unlike the IRS, IIS is there to help its customers.

"We usually sell to the customer that wishes to have a custom-built machine, tailor made to fit with their specific needs," said Chad Killick, 19, a technician for IIS.

Killick and his parents started the computer business. For Killick, this has been a learning experience.

"I think it is a good opportunity for anyone to make their own mark of quality service and dependability on the market," said Killick. "For me, it has been a learning experience that has taught me many business principles and technical skills."

Killick's mother, Lynda-Lu, is the owner of IIS, while his father, Robert, is the adviser for the company.

When asked what kind of profit margin the company has made in the past year, Killick responded, "That is private information. I can't give it out at this juncture." It seems they are doing fine, however.

"We don't lose any money but we don't make much money either," said Killick. "We don't really advertise. We are just here."

IIS sells about three computers per month while in peak sales.

The madness has returned

By MARK HRADSKY
Staff Writer

The monkeys are coming, the monkeys are coming! Wait, they're already here, and they have been here before.

Lucasarts' Monkey Island Madness hit the shelves a while ago, returning to all the Monkey Island fans the games of strategy and comedy they've always loved.

Monkey Island Madness holds two games and a demo on the CD. The Secret of Monkey Island is the first game in the trilogy. This game takes you, Guybrush Threepwood, on a quest to the mysterious Monkey Island where you must solve intricate puzzles to defeat the horrific Captain LeChuck.

Monkey Island 2: LeChuck's Revenge takes Threepwood on a journey to, once again, defeat Captain LeChuck, only this time he's meaner, uglier and much more dead.

In the style of Sam and Max and older versions of Sierra Quest games, Monkey Island has a point and click interface. The graphics on the first two games are nothing great, but the games were made years ago so nothing more can be expected. The graphics are not bad.

The comic relief of the games makes up for the loss in new-age graphics. These games are a howl. Strap yourself in because these games may make you laugh yourself out of your seat.

The demo on the CD is the new game, The Curse of Monkey Island. The demo looks incredible with intense new-age graphics and a detailed easy-to-use point and click interface.

The game, at your computer store now, should follow in its predecessor's footsteps and be hilarious. The demo is funny and the graphic detail is incredible.

So, before spending hundreds of dollars and hours of stress on Windows 98, pick up Monkey Island Madness or the new Curse of Monkey Island.

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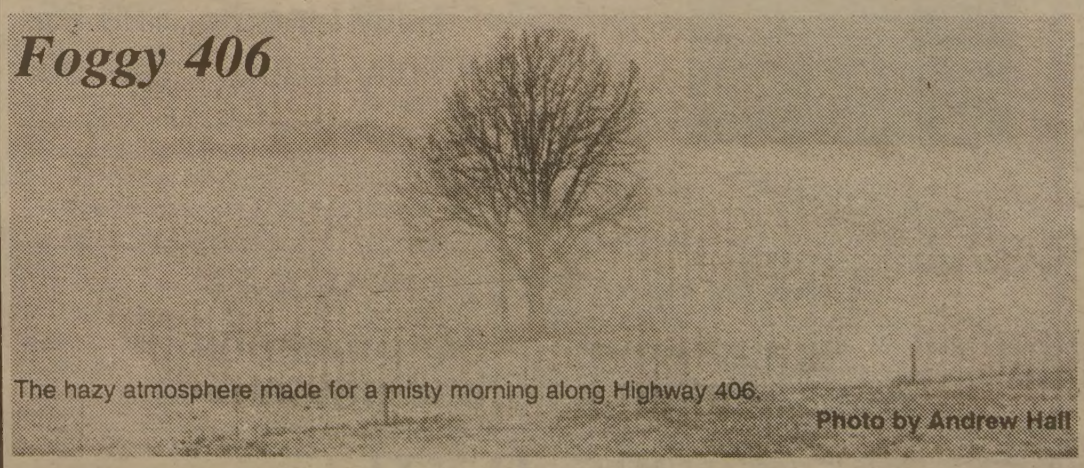

The hazy atmosphere made for a misty morning along Highway 406.

Photo by Andrew Hall

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Leo, 'Don't fret'

By RACHEL LEECH
Staff Writer

Aries (March 21 to April 19) — You're in the game and the game is getting interesting. You have a new love interest lingering around. Don't direct all your attention to that special someone just yet. Make sure you're both playing the same game.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) — It's just like old times. You and your buds hanging out, having fun as always. Money may be getting low so propose an evening at your house. Don't forget the movies and munchies.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20) — Life is turning out perfectly for you. These days you are the image of relaxation. You have to shrug off all of the problems and focus on enjoying yourself.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22) — To spend or not to spend? You've got the cash, so now you have to decide what to buy. A gift for that special someone perhaps?

Leo (July 23 to Aug. 22) — If you're worried about what others think, stop. Don't fret over everyone else's opinions. Your opinion is just as good as the rest. Value your own thoughts more than the thoughts of others.

Virgo (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) — Your time to relax with a good book has come. Your work load is considerably less this week, so enjoy it. Soon enough the work pace will be picking up and your time to relax will be long gone.

Libra (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) — You're in for a big change this week. You will be looking to change your outer appearance. Don't worry. The change will only enhance your inner self.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) — Your life is a smooth ride. Lately everything has been falling into place and your love life is blooming. It's time to head out for the evening.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) — You're in for a big move this year. You will find a place to permanently call home. You will work out all the kinks in your life and the world will seemingly revolve around you, for a short time at least.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) — You are slowly coming down off your energetic high. Don't worry. With a bit of rest you'll be re-energized in no time. Let those around you shine for a while. Your time in the spotlight will return eventually.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) — You pushed your body past its limit. Now you will pay the price. Your body is telling you to stay in bed and that's just where you should be.

Pisces (Feb. 19 to March 20) — Your life is drastically turning itself around. Don't fret. The transformation is for the better. You are finding yourself spending more and more time in one place.

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By CRYSTAL OLDER
Staff Writer

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Family sends care packages to ice victim

By KERRI WOOD
Staff Writer

Some say it's the worst storm in Canadian history.

Imagine being in a relatively small town, alone in a house with no heat and no hydro. You can't get into a shelter because of the waiting list and the closest person who speaks your language is 100 miles away.

For Dave Wood, that is reality.

"It's cold, no power, no power for a week," said Dave, 32, of Drummondville, Que. Dave is getting his first taste of a Quebec winter. He moved there from Ontario in October.

For Dave, the power went out two weeks ago. It hasn't come back on.

"How do I know if hydro comes on in one more day or one more month? I'm trying not to go crazy," he said.

His house is run completely on electricity, with no fireplace.

He was "not nearly prepared enough" for this type of storm.

In a house with an indoor temperature of only three to five degrees Celsius, he keeps his tuque on just to maintain some body heat.

With no candles around, this freelance disc jockey sold some of his compact discs for money to buy necessities.

"In the room with a water bed, I have to keep a candle in there just to keep it from freezing."

For two weeks he has been reading books to try to keep busy.

"The whole town is shut down," he said.

He said that he "can't get gas or money."

Some grocery stores have generators but he can't withdraw money to buy groceries as the bank's automated teller machines depend on hydro.

"I'll sleep when it's over," he said.

"Each day runs into the next because it's been so long," he said.

Dave said the cost to repair the damage will total about $400 million, three times the cost to repair damage from last year's flood in Manitoba.

"Some people have been trying to use other things for heat, other than candles, but are burning their houses down," he said.

Dave's mother sent care packages to him.

Dave said he keeps the water taps at a steady drip so the pipes don't freeze.

Three inches of ice covers everything.

"He had no candles, no matches, no food. He can't get money out of the machine because it uses hydro," Udelle Wood said. "I wish he was better prepared for it."

"We can't go because most gas stations past Kingston aren't pumping gas because of the situation," Udelle said.

Dave's sister, Karen, also sent him a care package.

"For an English-speaking person you should be able to get help," Karen said. "It's deplorable."

"He's stubborn. He should have come home," said Karen.

"I've never seen anything like it," he said.

LASA disappointed in collection

By JONATHON NARVEY
Staff Writer

It was for a good cause, but only a few people cared.

Volunteers from Niagara College's Law and Security Administration (LASA) program received few donations for victims of the ice storm that devastated eastern Ontario, Quebec and parts of the Maritimes.

Jacqueline Barisan, 29, and Estelle Friolet, 45, sat at their booth in front of the Welland campus's Learning Resource Centre from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 22, receiving exactly three donations.

The mother and daughter team received a $300 anonymous donation, a box of blankets and a box of non-perishable food.

"I don't understand it," said Friolet. "It was advertised. When you do things like this, how do you get people to come in?"

Across from their table, a compact disc sale was taking place. Students crowded around the tables, browsing for their favorite music. None of the shoppers stopped at the table seven feet away to help ice-storm victims.

The LASA students were expecting donations of canned food items, blankets, batteries, diapers and cash, which they would forward to the Red Cross.

Jacqueline Barisan, 29, and Estelle Friolet, 45, a mother and daughter team from Niagara Falls, enrolled in the Law And Security Administration program, hold some of the donations they received for ice-storm victims.

Photo by Jonathon Narvey

"This is LASA's challenge to other programs and the community. It is stressed in the program to get involved," Barison said.

She said it was important to help out the people who were caught unprepared by the ice storm.

"Nobody ever knows what it's like until it hits," she said.

Suspended drivers pay more

By ANDREW HALL
Staff Writer

Just when you thought getting your license was expensive, a new fee comes along that makes it even harder to get it back.

Effective on Jan. 26, drivers with suspended licenses must pay a $100 fee to get their driving license back at the end of their suspension.

"Suspended drivers cost the province in many ways," says Transportation Minister Tony Clement in a recent press release from the government.

"Making suspended drivers more accountable is one step towards making drivers more responsible and as a result that makes our roads safer," he added.

Dan Schultz, communications assistant for the minister, says the $100 fee is "part of the road safety initiative the government is currently engaged in."

Schultz said he believes this will make "a noticeable change" in the number of people engaging in activities that would cause their licenses to be suspended. "It's a healthy initiative."

The new fee affects all drivers whose licenses were suspended on Jan. 26 for such occurrences as Criminal Code suspensions (drinking and driving), demerit point suspensions, any suspension under the Highway Traffic Act (such as excessive speeding and careless driving) and suspensions for not having automobile insurance.

The fee affects drivers suspended for defaulting on payments of provincial fines, family support orders and to the Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Fund. Drivers are encouraged to make their payments by their due dates or they will automatically be charged the $100 reinstatement fee.

Drivers can pay the fee at any ministry of transportation driver examination centre or driver and vehicle licensing office as soon as they have received their suspension notice, which will indicate the fee has been charged.

The reinstatement fee helps cover the extensive administrative cost of issuing suspension and reinstatement notices and the reinstated drivers' licenses.

Ontario is the ninth province to implement some form of reinstatement fee for drivers who have served a suspension period.

National White Cane Week begins Monday

Annual week devoted to public awareness

By MICHELLE ADEY
Staff Writer

Seeing is not always believing.

A blind person must believe and trust the dark world they live in while most people only trust or believe the things they can physically see.

The first week of February has been declared as national White Cane Week.

The week is co-sponsored by the Canadian Council of the Blind (CCB) and The Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB).

The organizations represent an annual week devoted to the promotion of greater public awareness of blindness and visual impairment.

The focus for the week is to emphasize ability.

Nancy Di Pasquale, 28, district volunteer services co-ordinator at the CNIB Niagara District in St. Catharines, says, "the main goal of the week is to relay important information about goals and mission statements to the community."

The non-profit organization helps develop people's skills, but is a service mostly for the blind in the Niagara Region.

On Feb. 2, Rebecca Hunter French, orientation and mobility instructor, will be speaking to students at Port Weller Public School in St. Catharines about the use of guide dogs and helping people who are visually impaired.

The CNIB will be holding an open house for the public on March 30 between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to celebrate its 80th anniversary.

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